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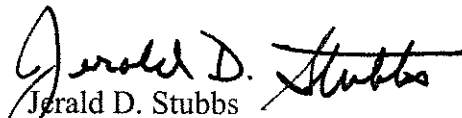
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Attendance at the Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, May 5-6, 2006,
Kennedy Space Center, FL

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) and Delaware North Companies Parks and Resorts (DNC) are sponsoring the upcoming U. S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on May 5-6, 2006. The Induction Gala, hosted by ASF, will be held at the Apollo Saturn V Center on Friday, May 5, 2006, and consists of a reception, dinner, and program featuring the old and new inductees. Approximately 600 guests are expected to attend the gala. On Saturday, May 6, 2006, ASF and DNC will jointly host the Induction Ceremony at the KSC Visitors Complex. Over 2,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony. A post-induction reception for 200 guests will follow the ceremony. Guests at each function will include corporate executives, teachers, senior managers of aerospace contractors, industry, space coast tourism and community leaders, other space enthusiasts, and representatives of Federal, state, and local government. The cost for the gala and the reception is \$30 a person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. This event will allow NASA employees to honor and show support for the inductees. In addition, the attendees will have the opportunity to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and discuss matters of interest with the other guests. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect ASF or DNC may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect ASF or DNC, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.


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